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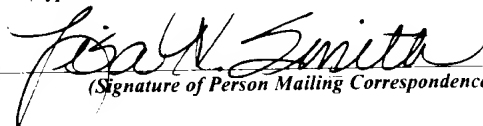
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REPLY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 2, 2002, please reconsider this application in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the careful review of this application. Please reconsider this application in view of the following remarks.

I. Disposition of Claims

Claims 1-11 are currently pending in the application. Claims 6-11 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-5 stand rejected.

II. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

In one aspect, the Applicant's invention relates to reverse osmosis membranes comprising brominated polyamide skin layers on porous supports. Advantageously, the Applicant's invention provides efficient removal of not only salts (electrolytes), but also